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1. Because of a shortage of foreign exchange in US dollars and British pounds, the flow of commodities from Hong Kong and Macao into Communist China has shrunk considerably in the past three months. However, Soviet products are still flowing in at the same rate, based on loan arrangements.
2. Of the supplies provided by the USSR to the Chinese Communists, weapons, machinery, and railway supplies are being handled directly by the governmental agencies concerned and do not go through import companies.
3. Products intended for civilian consumption are still processed by importers. The following types of goods for civilian consumption go to Communist China from the USSR or from Eastern European countries through the USSR: gasoline, machine grease, heavy trucks, tractors, sewing machines, fertilizers, insecticides, plowing machines, electrical supplies, metal works machinery, chemicals, paper, blankets, printing ink, and others.

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] discuss the Chinese Communist shortage of foreign exchange and the prevailing exchange rates. [REDACTED] reports on the shortage of copper in Communist China and the efforts which are being made to provide substitute materials.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. A small number of trucks have been made available for civilian use either as public buses or cargo carriers.

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